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In re Application of

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Examiner: KRISHNAN S MENON

For: AN IMPROVISED DEVICE FOR CONCENTRATING THE AQUEOUS SOLUTION AND A  
PROCESS THEREOFRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed August 29, 2006 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims, Claims 43-55 and 72, drawn to membrane based device, classified in class 210, subclass 259.

II. Claims, 56-71 and 73, drawn to process for concentrating aqueous solutions, classified in class 21, subclass 634.

In response, Applicant hereby elects claims 43-55 and 72 for examination in this case. Hence, the restriction is traversed.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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